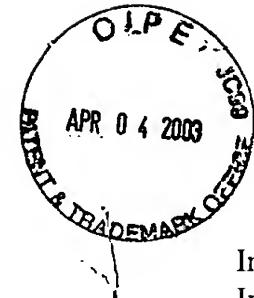


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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, amend the application as follows.

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In the claims:

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Cancel claims 1-3, 7-10, 12, 15, 17 and 18.

Amend claims 13, 14, 16, 19 and 20 as follows:

Claim 13, line 3, change "1" to - - 2 - -.

Claim 14, line 2, change "2" to - - 8 - -.

Claim 16, line 3, change "4" to - - 5 - -.

Claim 19, lines 1 and 2, delete "SEQ ID NO. 4", and on line 2, delete "SEQ ID NO. 6".

Claim 20, line 2, delete "SEQ ID NO. 4", and on line 3, delete "SEQ ID NO. 6".